

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Examiner's acknowledgement of Applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) is noted.

Claims 1 and 2 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 4 stand objected to because of informalities.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Park (U.S. Patent No. 6,005,831).

Claims 4 and 5 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, and 5, and cancelled claim 3. Claims 8 and 9 have been added to further define the invention. Accordingly, claims 1-2 and 4-9 are presently pending.

The Objection to the Claims

Claims 1 and 4 stand objected to because of informalities. Applicant amends claims 1 and 4 to correct the informalities in accordance with the comments in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claims 1 and 4 do not narrow the intended scope of

the claim, and therefore, Applicant does not intend to relinquish any subject matter by these amendments. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

New claims 8 and 9

Applicant adds new claims 8 and 9 to further define the invention. Applicant respectfully asserts that new claims 8 and 9 are allowable over the applied art.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing amendments are being made to place the application in condition for allowance. A favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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